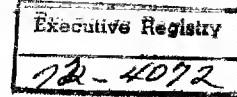


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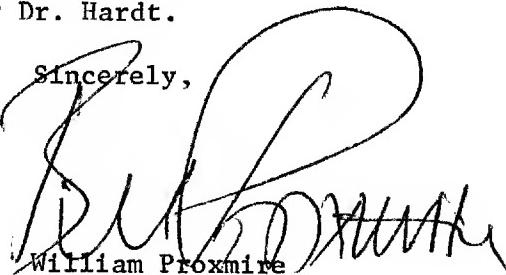
Dear Mr. Helms:

The periodic studies of the Soviet economy by the Joint Economic Committee have made substantial contributions to knowledge of the subject.

In the wake of the summit meetings and in view of the time elapsed since we have had an assessment in depth of the Soviet economy, we are planning another such study. Several distinct issues require attention: the progress of the current Five-Year Plan, changes in planning and management and their effect on performance, new trade policies and prospects, economic performance and the environment, economic aspects of Soviet military programs, etc. We are confident that your highly professional staff could make a vital contribution to this volume.

Dr. John P. Hardt of the Congressional Research Service, who has been assigned to the Joint Economic Committee to aid us in compiling the study, has been informally discussing this compendium with members of your staff. I should like to ask you at this time to approve formally a major contribution to this study. We are hopeful that all inputs will be in by around March 1, 1973. For technical questions you may wish to communicate with the Committee staff or Dr. Hardt.

Sincerely,


William Proxmire
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